

DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. The Director requested that I ask Larry Houston to look into the legal aspects of a break in diplomatic relations [REDACTED] What he is interested in specifically is the effect on the Neutrality Law and whether we as an Agency have any more freedom of action legally to operate [REDACTED] than was the case prior to the break in diplomatic relations. (I have passed this on to Larry and asked him to coordinate his action with [REDACTED])

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b. It was announced that the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities would meet today. This will be their last meeting and it is uncertain as to whether the President-elect will desire to continue this Board. In this connection, we also discussed briefly the possibility of a Joint Committee on Congress and the increased power which Senator Mansfield will have as the Majority Leader. No one seemed to know what action might be taken on this in the Senate this year; however, there is no doubt from conversations with Messrs. Kilday and Cannon that it would be very strongly opposed in the House.

c. With regard to the report of Mr. Kirkpatrick's Intelligence Coordination Study Group, the Director met today with a number of the principals including the Secretary of State and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Apparently, it is generally agreed that this report should go forward to the National Security Council; however, when it does it will be broken down into three categories, as I understand it, as follows: those recommendations on which there is agreement and which should be implemented, those recommendations in which there is non-concurrence, and those in which further studies in one or more departments or agencies should be made before any action is taken.

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d. The Director read a letter from Admiral Burke saying that he had no objection to [REDACTED] recall to active duty and that the Chief of Naval Personnel would work out the necessary details.

e. We discussed very briefly with the Director our meeting with the Cannon Subcommittee on Friday. He said that he wanted to take General Cabell, Dick Bissell, Bob Amory and me with him. At my request they agreed to take Emmett Echols for that part of the meeting having to do with separation compensation; however, he was uncertain as to whether Emmett should go in or remain outside in case we needed him to answer questions.

f. The Director left the Meeting early this morning in order to consult with Chester Bowles. After his departure we also discussed the other things

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